



CITY OF SUMTER

2019 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

System No. 4310001



The City of Sumter is pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report). This report is designed to provide details and to assure you that the water is both safe and dependable. Your water source is ground water from deep wells. These wells draw water from the Black Creek & Middendorf Aquifers. The water is then treated in a "treatment train" that can include coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection.

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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) contaminants are used to evaluate and prioritize contaminants on the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List, a list of contaminants EPA is considering for possible new drinking water standards. Data collected through the monitoring of these contaminants will help to ensure that future decisions on drinking water standards are based on sound science. Not all systems are required to monitor for these contaminants.

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INORGANIC CHEMICALS						
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.71	No	2019	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	1.35	No	2019	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha, excl. Radon & Uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	1.95	No	2019	Erosion of natural deposits
DISINFECTANTS / DISINFECTION BY PRODUCTS						
	MRDL	MRDLG				TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Chlorine(ppm)	4	4	0.73	No	2019	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHM (ppb)	N/A	80	3.9	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	2.4	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
LEAD & COPPER						
	ACTION LEVEL	90TH PERCENTILE	NUMBER OF SITES OVER ACTION LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.026	0	No	2018	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb)	15	0.9	0	No	2018	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING						
	ACTION LEVEL		HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
HAA5(ppb)	N/A		1.22	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA6(ppb)	N/A		0.42	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA9(ppb)	N/A		0.758	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Sodium(ppm)	N/A		5.2	No	2019	Secondary Standard, Non- Enforceable Guideline

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INORGANIC CHEMICALS						
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	2.3	No	2018	Runoff from fertilizer use.
Gross Alpha Exc. Radon & Uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	3.09	No	2018	Erosion of Natural Deposits
DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCTS						
Chlorine(ppm)	4	4	1.8	No	2019	Water additive used to control microbes
LEAD & COPPER						
	ACTION LEVEL	90TH PERCENTILE	NUMBER OF SITES OVER ACTION LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.033	0	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
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Beryllium	4	4	0.001	No	2019	Discharge from metal refineries & coal.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.77	No	2019	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	1.35	No	2019	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Gross Alpha, excl. Radon & Uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	1.95	No	2019	Erosion of natural deposits
DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCTS						
Chlorine(ppm)	4	4	0.69	No	2019	Water additive used to control microbes
Halocetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	2.8	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	3.9	No	2018	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
LEAD & COPPER						
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Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.018	0	No	2018	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb)	15	0.2	0	No	2018	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

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TOWN OF MAYESVILLE WATER SYSTEMS

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ORGANIC CHEMICALS						
Dibromochloropropane (ppb)	0	0.02	0.000028	No	2018	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans and cotton.
Dichloropropane (ppb)	0	5	0.000720	No	2018	Discharge from industrial chemical factories.
DISINFECTANTS						
Chlorine(ppm)	4	4	1.7	No	2019	Water additive used to control microbes
	ACTION LEVEL	90TH PERCENTILE	NUMBER OF SITES OVER ACTION LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
LEAD & COPPER						
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.09	0	No	2018	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb)	15	3.4	0	No	2018	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per trillion (ppb) - one part per trillion corresponds to a single penny in \$10,000,000,000

Picocuries per liter (pCi/l) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risks to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.